

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## FINANCIAL CONCERNS

OF THE

### TOWN OF MELROSE,

From March 16th, 1859, to March 15th, 1860,

WITH A LIST OF

RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT TAXES

Assessed in 1859,

AND THE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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BOSTON:

SAMUEL HARRIS, PRINTER,  
32 Congress Street.  
1860.

**MELROSE TOWN OFFICERS,  
For 1860.**

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**Town Clerk,**  
E. R. KNIGHTS.

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**Selectmen,**  
WM. J. FARNSWORTH,                      GEORGE EMERSON,  
NELSON COCHRAN.

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**Treasurer,**  
CALEB HOWARD.

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**School Committee,**  
E. O. PHINNEY, 2 years,                      ELBRIDGE GREEN, 1 year,  
AARON GREEN, elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the  
resignation of B. F. Bowles, who was chosen for 3 years.

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**Assessors,**  
JONATHAN COCHRAN,                      WM. B. BURGESS,  
GEO. M. FLETCHER.

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**Collector,**  
STEPHEN J. PHINNEY.

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**Constables,**  
JAMES G. EMERSON,                      WM. J. FARNSWORTH,  
SAMUEL D. TAYLOR.

# ANNUAL REPORT.

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## Treasury Department. Dr.

To Balance in the Treasury, March 16, 1859, -	-	\$1088	31
" Taxes uncollected for 1855-8 inclusive, -	-	3472	91
" Cash Received of S. J. Phinney, Collector, -	-	9066	78
" " " for 11 Cemetery Lots, -	-	300	00
" " " for Grass in Cemetery, -	-	48	00
" " " refunded for Support of Poor, -	-	71	94
" " " from State School Fund, -	-	93	40
" " " from town of Malden, -	-	161	80
" " " from sundry sources, -	-	177	11
		<u>\$14,480</u>	<u>50</u>

## Treasury Department. Cr.

By Cash Paid on Town Orders, -	-	-	-	-	\$9059	65
" " " for Interest on Town Debt, -	-	-	-	-	1629	76
" " " Note of Samuel Sprague, -	-	-	-	-	100	00
" " " " of Mary Sprague, -	-	-	-	-	100	00
" " " Endorsement on Note of Mrs. Dix, -	-	-	-	-	307	42
" " " Assessment on Malden Bridge, -	-	-	-	-	65	00
" " " State for Sealing Weights and Measures, -	-	-	-	-	6	50
" " " Town of Stoneham, -	-	-	-	-	114	37
" Taxes uncollected for 1855-8 inclusive, -	-	-	-	-	1050	00
" " on Dogs Refunded, -	-	-	-	-	139	00
" Abatement of Taxes assessed in 1857 and 1858, -	-	-	-	-	13	14
" Balance of Cash in Treasury, March 15, 1860, -	-	-	-	-	1895	66
					<u>\$14,480</u>	<u>50</u>

**COLLECTOR.****Dr.**

To Taxes committed for 1859, - - - - - \$11,769 77

**Cr.**

By Cash Paid to the Treasurer, - \$9066 78  
 " Abatement of Taxes for 1859, - 111 45  
 " Disc. on Taxes paid before Oct. 1st, 319 70  
 " Cash Paid for County Tax, - - 620 73  
 " " " for State Tax, - - - 270 00  
 " Taxes uncollected and in hand, 1331 11—\$11,769 77

**CONTINGENT EXPENSES.**

Appropriation, \$1500 00

**FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Paid Caleb Howard for supplies after fire,  
 \$11.42—Sundries, .30, \$11 72  
 " A. Kilby for half barrel Crackers, 2 00  
 " J. M. Ellis, care of Engine and house, 6 25  
 " T. T. Sweetser, care Engine & apparatus, 43 34  
 " Geo. M. Fletcher, work for Engine, &c., 2 51  
 " D. H. Walker, repairing Hose Carriage, 25  
 " Robinson & Fisher, sundries for Engine, 1 80  
 " E. A. Newton, work for Engine, 1 00  
 " Shelton & Cheever, do. do. 6 63  
 " Thomas McCoubry, do. do. 6 67  
 " E. Fuller, 2 gals. Sperm Oil, 3.50—Ex-  
 press, .37, 3 87  
 " E. Gardner & Co., Fuel, 8, 50, lumber, .66, 9 16  
 " J. Hurley, Stove and labor for E. House, 3 83  
 " S. Emery, repairs on Engine House, 1 00  
 " T. B. Herrick, do. do. do. 5 00  
 " H. B. Newhall, Paper and hanging do. 10 80  
 " M. Ellis, hauling Stoneham Engine Home, 2 50—118 33

**RUT FILLER.**

Paid D. H. Walker, for making Rut Filler, 18 08  
 " Thomas McCoubry, Ironing do. do. 30 00  
 " Wm. J. Farnsworth, time and travel  
 twice to Chelsea for do. 3.00—cash  
 paid for Pattern, .30, 3 30—51 38

## RENTS.

Paid Benj. Linikin rent of Hall,	75 00
" Caleb Howard, do. do.	25 00
" G. P. Burnham, do. do.	25 00
" Joseph Wood for use of Burnham's Hall for Town Trial, 6.00—do. for Fire Inquest, 12.00—use of E. R. Knights' Hall for witnesses, 5.00—use of Uni- versalist Vestry for trial of Jefferson Burns, 6.00—Stationery, 1.20,	30 20—155 20

## LAND DAMAGES.

Paid Wm. J. Farnsworth for Quit-Claim Deed of land sold by Jos. Holbrook as land of Josiah Townsend, the same land being also taxed to Stevens & Paine, (for tax of 1857,)	20 00
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The following order on file is supposed to  
have been paid by the Treasurer:

"To Geo. M. Fletcher,

Chairman of the Selectmen of Melrose:

Sir—Please deliver to S. O. Dearborn, or order, a  
Town Order for forty dollars, the same being the  
amount awarded to the heirs of Jacob Lynde by the  
Selectmen, for land taken to widen Lynde Street in  
1857,

40 00

Melrose, Nov. 29, 1859.

D. W. GOOCH,  
Guardian and Agent."

T. Bennett, Land Damages on Linwood Ave., 15 00—75 00

## OFFICIAL.

Wm. J. Farnsworth, services as Committee on building and overseeing Ashland Street, 15.00—services as Committee on Linwood Avenue, 15.00—do. do. on Poplar Street, 10.00,	40 00
Services on Streets on sundry Committees, travel- ling expenses, &c., 36.50—services as Selectman, 8.00—do. as Overseer of the Poor, 15.00,	59 50
E. Gardner, services as Committee on Hall, Artesian Wells and Reservoirs, 3.00—perambulating town lines, 3.00—notifying abutters on streets, 5.00— advertisement for Summer Street, 1.00—attending meeting at So. Reading, 2 00—do. do. at Charles- town, 4.00—services examining Streets, Culverts, &c., 20.00—2 days to Charlestown on prosecution, 3.00—viewing Culvert and Streets, 3.50—services as Selectman, 8.00—do. as Overseer of Poor, 10.00,	62 50

G. M. Fletcher, services as Selectman, 8.00—sundry other service and expense, 27.25 — services as Overseer of the Poor, 10.00,	45 25
Stephen J. Phinney, collecting Taxes for 1859,	102 77
E. O. Phinney, services as Financial Committee,	15 00
Aaron Green, do. do. do.	10 00
G. S. Phippen, do. do. do.	10 00
N. R. Robinson, 27 Notices, 9.40 ; posting Town Warrants, 7.00,	16 40
Charles Robbins, Serving Warrants,	2 00
Joseph Holbrook, services at March Meeting,	1 50
E. R. Knights, "to balance on acct. for services as Liq. Agent for the year ending May 1, 1854," 7.17 ; Moving Town Safe, 5.00 ; collecting and Recording 69 Births, at 20 cts., 13.80 ; do. do. 35 Deaths, 1.17 ; Recording, &c., 14 Marriages, at 10 cts., 1.40 ; services as Town Clerk, 10.00 ; Travelling Expenses, 2.00 ; Stationery, 89 cts.,	41.43
Jona. Cochran, preparing Invoice Book, 75 cts. ; 31½ days taking Invoice and making Taxes, 47.25 ; making Abatements, 3.00 ; sundry items, 1.76,	52 76
H. Robinson, 25 days Assessing Taxes,	37 50
N. R. Robinson, services as Constable,	5 00
Wm. E. Fuller, services as Assessor of Taxes 29½ days, at 1.50, 44.25 ; Paper, 20 cts.,	44 45
Jona. Cochran, Surveying on Summer St., 2.00 ; do. on Ashland St., 5.00 ; do. on Poplar St., 4.00 ; time spent with tax-payers relative to old Taxes, 12.00 ; do. with Selectmen, 4.00 ; setting up Stone Posts, 1.00 ; Cash paid Geo. Lynde, &c., 3.00 ; Writing Bonds, Specifications, &c., 5.00 ; services relative to Cemetery, 7.59 ; sundry charges, 11.55,	55 14
Caleb Howard, distributing Tax Bills the second time for the year 1857, 25.00 ; services as Town Treasurer, 25.00 ; signing and acknowledging 39 Cemetery Deeds, 6.63 ; for collecting Taxes of 1854 to 1858, 53.86 ; Nails, 95 cts.,	111 44

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Wm. C. Farnsworth, "to retainer and services in matter of six complaints, disturbance of town meeting, &c," 10.00 ; "to retainer and going to Melrose to prosecute complaint <i>vs.</i> Burns," 5.00,	15 00
Samuel Harris, Printing Town Reports,	37 00
A. W. Haskell, Printing 1800 Tax Bills, Warrants, &c.,	15 25



A. J. Morse, one Holly Hand Pump, &c.,	\$12 38
Bisbee & Endicott, one Iron Casting and Finishing,	4 69
N. R. Robinson, killing 9 Dogs, 4.50 ; burying 5 do., 2.50 ; paid for Printing Dog Notices, 1.50 ; services as Health Officer, 1.52 ; bill of Sundries, 1.50,	10 52
Robinson & Fisher, Painting Cemetery Gates,	2 50
Hooper, Lewis & Co., 1 Tax Book,	4 00
N. Howard, selling Grass in Cemetery, 2.00 ; "other service in Cemetery," 3.75 ; returning 32 Deaths, at 10 cts., 3.20 ; 18½ days' work in Cemetery, 26.12 ; services on do., 3.83,	38 90
Martin Ellis, breaking out path in old Cemetery,	1 00
P. R. Ellis, extending Culvert on Lynde Street,	10 00
Jacob M. Ellis, labor at Dix's Pond,	2 00
E. Fuller, Express, Book Case and Books,	1 00
N. R. Robinson, digging Well for Green St. School, 26.00 ; do. do. for Lynde St. School, 76.99,	102 99
Thomas J. Shelton, 2 Pumps,	58 25
Wm. H. Morse, building 2 Pump Platforms,	8 42
J. H. Greene, Rent of Vestry for use of School during the year 1858-9,	13 68
Martin Ellis & Co., Blasting Ledge on Lebanon Street,	23 00
S. Hyde, 4½ days' work on Streets, at \$1.50,	6 75
John Lynde, 4 Posts for Highways, at 40 cts.,	1 60
J. R. Jordan, 100 Stone Posts for St. Bounds, at 35 cts.,	35 00
Samuel Fisk, Ditching on Green Street,	2 00
S. Emery, Repairs on School Houses for 1858-9,	9 40
S. Hyde, work on Streets,	4 75
E. F. Barron, care of Town Clock 6 months,	5 00
S. S. Bugbee, 1 bottle Ink,	25
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	\$1537 88
Paid Orders outstanding March 16, 1859,	38 50
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	\$1576 38
Overdrawn, - \$76.38	

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Town Appropriation,	-	-	-	-	-	\$4000 00
Received from the State School Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	93 40
Due from the town of Stoneham,	-	-	-	-	-	23 72
						<hr/> \$4117 12

Orders drawn as follows :

Edward Stickney, Teaching High School		
18 weeks,	\$342 84	
A. W. Sprague, do do 19½ weeks,	371 40	
Miss L. C. Proctor, Assistant in High		
School, 9 weeks,	53 57	
Miss S. B. Perry, do do 28½ weeks,	169 65	
Miss Phebe A. Norris, teaching Lynde St.		
Grammar School 41 weeks, at \$6.50,	266 50	
Miss Adela R. Poor, teaching Green St.		
Grammar School 41 weeks, at 6.50,	266 50	
Miss Louisa A. Norris, teaching Vinton St.		
Intermediate Sch. 42 weeks, at 5.50,	231 00	
Miss Helen E. Adams, teaching Central		
Primary School 29 weeks, at 5.50,	159 50	
Miss C. L. Sweetser, do do 13 weeks,	71 50	
Miss M. J. McClaughlin, teaching Vinton		
St. Primary Sch. 33 weeks at 5.50,	181 50	
Miss S. J. W. McKay do do 8 weeks,	44 00	
Miss Eliza D. Bugbee, teaching Green St.		
Primary School 42 weeks, at 5.50,	231 00	
Miss Christiana Upham, teaching Upham		
St. Pri. School 42 weeks, at 5.50,	231 00	
Miss S. E. Batcheller, teaching Lynde St.		
Primary School 42 weeks, at 5.50,	231 00	
Miss Maria P. Noyes, teaching Highland		
School 42 weeks, at 5.50,	231 00—3081 96	
John R. Wait, care of Lynde St. School Rooms for the		
year, 50.00 ; cutting wood, 4.00 ; housing coal,		
1.80 ; sundry items, 4.20,		60 00
T. N. Upham, care of Upham St. School Room for the		
year, 25.00 ; cutting wood, 1.25 ; housing coal, .50,		26 75



E. F. Barron, care of 5 rooms one year, 125.00 ; wash- ing rooms, 6.00 ; housing coal, 4.00 ; splitting wood, 2.00 ; repairing clock, 1.00,	138 00
Wm. Wyman, care of Highland S. Room, 25.00 ; cut- ting wood and other service, 3.50 ; 2 brooms, .56,	29 06
J. D. Littlefield, care of Green St. Sch. Rooms, 50.00 ; wood, 3.00 ; sawing and splitting wood, 2.25 ; 1 padlock, .50 ; 2 brooms, .75,	56 50
Wm. H. Munroe, services as School Committee,	35 00
James Cooper, do. do. do. 25.00 ; travelling expenses, 1.00,	26 00
E. O. Phinney, services as School Committee, 58.00 ; bill of sundries, 19.55 ;	77 55
Sundries furnished by A. W. Sprague,	2 25
J. W. Adams, sundry articles of Hardware, work on stoves, &c.,	20 41
Wm H. Morse, repairing High School fence, 12.33 ; putting up Maps, 3.00 ;	15 33
Robinson & Fisher, Glazing, and painting Black Boards,	4 56
Mrs. Riley, Cleaning School Room,	1 60
Stephen Hyde, Cleaning Well on Vinton Street,	2 25
Seth Rich, 5½ cords of Pine Wood, at 5.00,	28 42
Charles Howard, cutting wood,	4 00
E. Gardner & Co, ½ cord Pine Wood, 3.00 ; 1214 lbs. Coal, 3.94 ;	6 94
J. E. Westgate, 29 tons 1210 lbs. Coal, at 5.25,	158 32
Caleb Howard, bill of sundries,	8 52
Mary Ware, Books furnished,	4 31
William E. Fuller, Goods,	34
A. Hare, repairs on Green Street School House,	75

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\$3788 82

Balance unexpended, - \$328.30

## SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Appropriation by the town, \$1000 00

Orders drawn for the persons and purposes following:

Samuel Green—Board by S. Sprague 48 weeks, at \$2  
per week, \$96 00

Wm. Sprague—Board by Peter Green 52 weeks, at \$2  
per week, 104.00—extra serv. for sickness, 10.00—  
Goods by B. R. Upham, 1.50—Clothing by W. T.  
Farnsworth, 14.50—pair Hose by Miss Ware, \$1, 131 00

Willard Edmunds' Family—Goods delivered by S. S.  
Bugbee, 6.16—Provisions delivered by James G.  
Emerson, 52.75—Goods by Mary Ware, 34.32—  
Fuel by E. Gardner & Co., 18.50—Goods by B.  
R. Upham, 9.78—Goods by W. E. Fuller, 96.00, 217 51

Albert Grover—paid town of Malden for Board to Dec.  
29, 1859, 114.00—do. for Supplies, 17.24, 131 24

John Wait—Goods delivered by S. S. Bugbee, 6.30—  
Fuel by E. Gardner & Co., 10.13—Goods by B.  
R. Upham, 5.47—Fuel by Geo. Lynde, 15.75—  
do. by Wm. Lynde, 4.00—Provisions by Jas. G.  
Emerson, 35.70—Goods by W. E. Fuller, 6.00—  
Fuel by Wm. J. Farnsworth, 3.00—Hardware by  
J. W. Adams, 4.62—Milk by John Lynde 1 year,  
5.70—Medical Attendance by Dr. French, 9.00—  
Fuel by Wm. Boardman, 8.00—Goods by Caleb  
Howard, 61.50, 175 17

Mrs. J. C. Parks—Fuel by E. Gardner & Co., 3 50

Geo. Green—Board 13 weeks by W. H. Pease, 16.25—  
Leather by B. R. Upham, 40 cts.—1 pair Hose  
by Mary Ware, 1.00—Board 4 weeks ending Mar.  
3, 1860, by Wm. O. Riley, 10.00, 27 65

D. L. Dwinnell\*—Fuel by E. Gardner & Co., 4.00—  
Goods by C. Howard, 14.00—do. by Martin &  
Leonard, 7.00—boy's Boots by B. R. Upham, 2.00, 27 00

Betsy Dwinnell *—Fuel by E. Gardner & Co., 14.50—	
Goods by C. Howard, 19.00,	33 50
Phebe Blakely *—Fuel by Wm. W. Boardman, 7.50—	
Goods by Wm. E. Fuller, 3.00,	10 50
John Hitchins *—Goods by A. Kilby, 10.01—1 pair	
ladies' Boots by B. R. Upham, 1.12—House Rent	
paid to G. F. Boardman, 3 months ending March	
5, 1860, 13.01,	24 14
Ralph R. Barter's Son—Burial Services by N. Howard,	
3.00—balance due on Coffin, 3.50	6 50
Mrs. Charles Larrabee—Goods by C. Howard, 19.99—	
Milk by Warren Lynde, 9.60—Fuel by C. How-	
ard, 4.75—House Rent paid to Mrs. E. Barry,	
6.25—Goods by Martin & Leonard, 5.29,	45 88
Patrick Hallihan—Provisions by J. G. Emerson, 2.14—	
Medical Attendance by Dr. Parker, 7.50—Goods	
by A. Kilby, 3.26—do. by C. Howard, 2.44,	15 34
Mrs. Ellen Powers—Medical Attendance by Dr. Parker,	
5.00—Nursing by Ellen Hallihan, 2.00—Groceries	
by C. Howard, 2.25,	9 25
Nathaniel Pratt—Medical Attendance by Dr. Phinney,	
10.00—Board by Chas. Pratt 17 weeks, from Nov.	
1st, to Feb. 28, 1860, at 1.25 per week,	31 25
Charles E. Skinner *—Goods by Mary Ware, 1.84—	
Groceries by C. Howard, 16.98,	18 82
Mrs. Rody—Goods by B. R. Upham,	1 12
— Highland, Goods by S. S. Bugbee, 3.35—Pro-	
visions by J. G. Emerson, 64 cts.,	3 99
Ichabod Earl—Fuel by E. Gardner & Co., 3.50—	
Goods by C. Howard, 24.57,	28 07
David Marshall *—Fuel by E. Gardner & Co., 36.87—	
Goods by S. S. Bugbee, 73.93—Fuel by George	
Lynde, 10.25—do. by Wm. J. Farnsworth, 3.00,	124 05
— Crockett—Goods by S. S. Bugbee,	1 00
Geo. Case *—Fuel by E. Gardner & Co., 1.00—Goods	
by C. Howard, 4.50,	5 50
E. E. Elliott *—Fuel by E. Gardner & Co., 7.00—	
Medical Attendance by Dr. Parker, 12.00,	19 00
Mary Penny *—Goods by C. Howard,	1 50

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\* Persons belonging to other towns. The supplies to these have in part been refunded, and the remainder will doubtless be paid on demand.

Charles F. Slocomb—Board by Betsey W. Slocomb 52 weeks, at 1.25 a week,	65 00
James Grover—Provisions by Jas. G. Emerson,	2 00
Expense of Poor paid by E. Gardner,	7 64
Expense of Red Flag to designate Sickness at Elliott's,	50
Lodging 1 traveller by Mrs. Burns,	75
Lodging and victualling travellers by W. O. Riley,	28 00
Cash paid by Geo. M. Fletcher for lodging and victualling travellers,	4 41
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	\$1296 78
Due the town of Malden,	15 53
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	\$1312 31
Deduct for supplies to Poor of other towns,	264 01
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	\$1048 30
Overdrawn, - \$48.30	

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## HIGHWAYS.

Town Appropriation, - - - - -	\$1000 00
Orders drawn,	
Wm. Lynde and Employees, work on Roads,	\$499 99
E. B. Southwick and Employees, work, 591.68—use of	
Shovels, \$3; do. of Plough, \$2; do. of Drills, \$1,	597 68
Wm. O. Riley, rebuilding Culvert,	18 00
John Simonds, Sharpening Drills, Picks, &c.,	5 10
Ephraim Fuller, 1 cask Powder, 2.62; Fuse, 50 cts.,	3 12
W. E. Fuller, 1 lb. Powder, .25; Fuse, .10; Nails, .9,	44
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	\$1124 33
Overdrawn, - \$124.33	

## STREETS.

## ASHLAND STREET.

Town Appropriation,	\$100 00
Paid Geo. Lynde for building 37 rods,	\$101 75
Overdrawn, - \$1.75	

## LINWOOD AVENUE.

Town Appropriation,	\$500 00
Paid Martin Ellis & Co. for Building Linwood Avenue,	
the same being 108 $\frac{2}{3}$ rods, at 4.27 per rod,	461 42
Balance not used, - \$38.58	

## POPLAR STREET.

Town Appropriation,	\$160 00
Paid Martin Ellis & Co. for Building Poplar Street,	
the same being 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods, at 3.33 a rod,	188 15
Overdrawn, - \$28.15	

## SUMMER STREET.

Town Appropriation,	\$160 00
Paid Martin Ellis & Co. for Building Summer Street,	
the same being 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods, at 4.25 per rod,	\$197 62
Overdrawn, - 37.62	
Total Overdrawn for Highways and Streets, \$153.27	

## TOWN CLOCK.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Paid Turret and Marine Clock Co.,	\$278 67
B. Linikin, for putting up,	5 25
J. Burns, 2 days' work,	4 00
E. Gardner, Lumber, 4.78 ; Ladder, 1.75 ;	
Committee on Clock, 3.00,	9 53
Geo. M. Fletcher, Committee on Clock,	
3.00 ; Sundries, 4.07,	7 07
Thomas McCoubry, Blacksmithing,	1 00
E. Fuller, Express on Clock Weights,	25—\$305 77
Overdrawn, - \$5.77	



# INTEREST.

Town Appropriation,	\$1600 00
Paid Interest on Debt,	1629 76
Overdrawn, - \$29.76	

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## TOWN OFFICERS.

Wm. J. Farnsworth, services as Committee on Streets, &c., 76.50 ; services as Selectman, 8.00 ; do. as Overseer of the Poor, 15.00,	\$99 50
E. Gardner, services on Committees, &c., 43.85 ; do. as Selectman, 8.00 ; Overseer of the Poor, 10.00,	64 50
Geo. M. Fletcher, services on Committees, &c., 27.00 ; as Selectman, 8.00 ; Overseer of the Poor, 10.00,	45 00
Jona. Cochran, Assessing Taxes, 47.25 ; preparing Invoice Book, 75 cts. ; making Abatements, 3.00 ; other service and time, 16.00,	67 00
H. Robinson, Assessing Taxes,	37 50
Wm. E. Fuller, do. do.	44 25
Stephen J. Phinney, Collecting Taxes,	102 77
Caleb Howard, services as Town Treasurer, 25.00 ; Collecting Taxes, 53.86 ; signing and acknowledging Cemetery Deeds, 6.63,	85 49
E. R. Knights, services as Town Clerk, 10.00 ; other services, 16.39,	26 39
N. R. Robinson, services as Constable, &c.,	22 92
Charles Robbins, serving Warrants,	2 00
Town Service, exclusive of School Committee,	\$597 32

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS

For 1859.

Public Schools,	\$3788 82
Contingent Expenses,	1537 88
Support of Poor,	1312 31
Highways,	1124 33
Streets,	948 94
Town Clock,	305 77
Orders outstanding March 16, 1859,	38 50
Interest on Debt,	1629 76
State and County Taxes,	890 73
Paid on Town Debt,	507 42
Assessment on Malden Bridge,	65 00
State for Sealing Weights and Measures,	6 50
Paid Town of Stoneham,	114 37
Refunded Dog Taxes,	139 00—\$12,409 33

## The Resources of the Town have been :

Collection of Taxes assessed in 1859,	\$9957 51
do. do. do. 1855-8,	2409 77
Sale of 11 Cemetery Lots,	300 00
Sale of Grass on Cemetery,	48 25
Received from State School Fund,	93 40
Cash Refunded for Support of Poor,	71 94
Received from Town of Malden,	161 80
do. from other sources,	177 11--\$13,219 78

To the foregoing may be added, what is equivalent to cash :

Cash in the hands of the Town Clerk accruing from Taxes on Dogs,	94 00
Due from Stoneham for schooling Children,	23 72
Due from other towns for Support of Poor,	95 14—212 86
	<u>\$13,432 64</u>

These figures show an actual receipt of more than eight hundred dollars above the actual expenditures ; and more than a thousand dollars including the last three items. With these statements only before the mind, the financial condition of the town would appear to be more than \$1000 better than a year ago ; but such is not the fact, as the following will show :

The outstanding Taxes a year ago were	- - -	\$3472 91
Now they amount to only	- - - - -	2431 11

The difference of which amounts to	- - -	\$1041 80
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Cash on hand and due as indicated, March 15, 1860,	\$2108 52
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Cash on hand March 16, 1859,	- - - . - - -	1088 31
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Balance in favor of the treasury now,	- - -	\$1020 21
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It appears hence that the outstanding taxes of 1859 exceed those of 1860 in the sum of \$21.59 more than the cash of 1860 exceeds that of 1859. Among the expenditures, however, for the past fiscal year, we include \$507.42 payment on the Town Debt, so that the real financial condition of the town is \$485.83 better than it was March 16, 1859, supposing the taxes outstanding at the end of each year equally available.

To the friends of the financial prosperity of the town the results of the past year will be gratifying. We seem now to have arrived to that age and experience where inconsiderateness and unthrift are giving way to sober reflection, practical wisdom, and commencing prosperity. The committee would suggest, that the expenses of the town might be somewhat diminished, by following the example of other towns, in requiring individuals to build their own streets, whenever they wish to bring their land into the market, before their acceptance by the town. The town should not be required to expend its treasure for improvements which are not needed for public use. Let this policy be adopted and adhered to, and the building of avenues and streets, by blasting ledges, cutting down hills, and filling up valleys, would be deferred till the wants of the community should justify individual enterprise and personal expense.

In view of the present state of town affairs, and the prospective necessities of the ensuing year, and in order steadily to relieve ourselves of the cheerless burden of a large town debt, your Committee would recommend the town to raise for the ensuing fiscal year,

For Contingent Expenses,	- - - -	\$2000
“ Support of the Poor,	- - - -	1200
“ Interest on Town Debt,	- - - -	1600
“ a Sinking Fund,	- - - -	1000

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. PHINNEY,	} <i>Financial</i>
AARON GREEN,	
G. S. PHIPPEN,	

*Committee.*

## TAXES OF RESIDENTS IN MELROSE.

1859.

Abbott, Benj. F.	\$1 78	Bartlett, J. C. Capt.	\$11 70
Adams, J. W.	31 42	Baker, Freeman	16 99
Allen, Wm. H.	21 67	Barry, John	1 78
Allen, John, Heirs of	22 62	Bartlett, G. W.	1 78
Andrews, J. L.	13 29	Bennett, Francis	5 88
Andrews, A. E.	1 78	Beckett, J. M.	25 57
Angell, J. J.	1 78	Beals, George W.	8 72
Apthorp, J. T.	35 32	Benner, M. A.	15 55
Atkinson, John	8 41	Bickford, N. W.	1 78
Atkinson, Jonathan	6 58	Bird, Charles	1 78
Atkinson, John, Jr.	1 78	Bishop, George	7 75
Atwood, Joel	6 93	Bickford, Ira H.	21 55
Avery, Kittredge	16 72	Bigelow, Liberty	48 15
Avery, J. Q. A.	5 29	Bicknell, D. C.	1 78
Babb, Walter	1 78	Blaisdell, David	1 78
Barber, William	17 38	Blaisdell, C. H.	13 48
Barrett, Augustus	36 61	Blakely, D. W.	1 78
Barrett & Howard	9 98	Bodwell, Daniel	6 97
Barrett, Jonathan	3 03	Boardman, Charles	38 60
Barrett, Artemas	18 55	Boardman, Mary, Wid.	11 90
Barrett, Geo. W.	23 43	Boardman, Benj.	10 36
Barrett, Michael	2 17	Boardman, George F.	59 72
Barrett, S. F.	30 48	Boardman, W. W.	21 53
Barrett, Charles	1 78	Boardman, Samuel A.	1 78
Barrett, Charles L.	1 78	Bogle, William	59 46
Barker, Samuel	6 85	Boman, T. W.	1 78
Baker, Martin	2 56	Bowles, B. F.	1 78
Barter, Ralph R.	1 78	Brown, J. G.	11 76
Bartlett, Joseph W.	1 78	Brown, Keziah, Wid.	25 35
Barry, R. P., Heirs of	14 63	Brown, Jonas, Heirs of	4 29
Bassent, James	1 78	Brown, Laroy	8 53
Bartholomew, T. C.	29 78	Brown, Orin	7 05
Bartholomew, Moses	1 78	Brown, Thomas	1 78
Barter, F. W.	10 98	Brown, James	21 06
Barnes, E. L.	10 92	Brown, George E.	9 39
Baldwin, Mrs. Jona. Wid.	35 10	Brown, C. W.	12 54
Barron, Henry	1 78	Brown, John	5 68
Barron, E. F.	1 78	Bradbury, C. C.	16 25
Barker, Josiah H.	31 03	Bryant, T. O.	15 27
		Briggs, Josiah	18 19



Burnham, G. P.	96 55	Cooper, James	1 78
Burnham, E. P.	1 78	Connell, John	1 78
Bugbee, Samuel S.	44 95	Conley, James	1 78
Burgess, Wm. B.	11 92	Conley, John	1 78
Buttrick, J. W.	1 78	Coburn, L. G.	34 85
Buttrick & Bartlett	11 04	Couriea, C. M.	20 19
Burns, Jefferson	42 54	Cunningham, A. L.	15 51
Buffum, Carlan	18 55	Cutting, Wm. H.	16 13
Burns, Michael	1 78	Corson, J. V.	23 43
Burrill, John	16 68		
Burdett, E. E.	1 86	Day, Loring	1 78
		Davie, George	1 78
Casey, George	1 78	Dailey, Patrick	1 78
Callihan, Timothy	1 78	Davis, Edmund	18 03
Castner, C. H.	1 78	Davis, John E.	1 78
Carter, Andrew	1 78	Dawes, G. M.	1 78
Carter, Benjamin	7 08	Dawes, G. G.	1 78
Cary, J. C.	1 78	Dawes, Wm. G.	1 78
Cassin, James	21 01	Daniels, John	2 05
Casey, James	1 78	Davenport, Mrs.	9 13
Carter, Lucy	86	Derby, Nathan J.	68 00
Chandler, Dudley	48 31	Dean, Nehemiah	1 78
Church, Asa	20 86	Dean, Sarah	1 48
Chandler, R. W.	1 78	Deshon, Francis	1 78
Chamberlain, Joseph	1 78	Dearborn, S. O.	85 04
Chapin, C. N.	13 87	Dearborn & Co.	23 71
Cheever, Sarah A.	4 91	Dix, Wm., Heirs of	31 36
Child, Cynthia	5 46	Donane, L. N.	29 94
Close, Emery	15 24	Double, E. B.	4 28
Claverie, Jane, Wid.	11 93	Dunham, D. M.	10 59
Clark, J. H.	20 46	Dunklee, H. L.	41 95
Clark, F. F.	5 10	Durant, Augustus	48 42
Cochran, Jona.	17 38	Dudley, Wm. H.	1 78
Cochran, L. H. M.	10 75	Dunn, Frank	1 78
Cochran, Nelson	19 37	Dyer, T. D.	1 78
Conant, Rufus	19 72	Dyer, Wm. P.	1 78
Conant, J. F.	1 78	Dyer, John A.	13 48
Corson, Geo. G.	1 78		
Conway, Patrick	7 63	Earl, William H.	1 78
Cowdry, Isaac	6 40	Earl, Ichabod	6 44
Coen, Thomas	1 78	Eaton, Charles, Heirs of	15 60
Conway, John	1 78	Eastman, Moses	4 12
Conway, Daniel	1 78	Edgerly, Peter	30 06
Cook, William	5 02	Edmonds, John, Heirs of	8 11
Collins, W. R.	29 08	Ellis, Martin	8 92
Coolidge, C. J.	8 80	Ellis, P. R.	10 75
Crocker, Joseph	19 72	Ellis, Martin, & Co.	9 24
Crocker, John	13 68	Ellis, J. M.	8 02
Crockett, G. B.	10 24	Ellis, D. H.	2 09



Ellison, Samuel	13 91	Goodwin, —	1 78
Emerson, J. G.	23 43	Gould, L. S.	1 78
Emerson, R. W.	1 78	Gardner, Elbridge	25 18
Emerson, George, 2d	23 89	Gardner & Co.	42 67
Emerson & Co.	13 18	Gately, John	11 14
Emerson & Stimpson	16 38	Garett, Michael	1 78
Emerson, Isaac, Jr.	28 30	Gage, Albert	1 78
Emerson, George	194 90	Gerry, Benjamin	10 95
Emerson, Lydia	11 70	Goss, E. H.	11 29
Emerson, Isaac	45 50	Gobal, Jacob	2 56
Emery, Stephen	16 13	Gordon, C. P.	24 44
Estee, Samuel	1 78	Gordon, J. H.	1 78
Estee, C. F.	1 78	Gordon, C. S.	1 78
Evans, T. C.	1 78	Gordon, Geo. B.	1 78
		Goss, Ellen C.	18 94
Fairbanks, David	58 45	Gooch, D. W.	135 55
Fairbanks, J. W.	27 52	Gooch & Littlefield	4 29
Farnsworth, G. W.	9 00	Green, Mrs., Wid.	1 76
Farnsworth, Wm. J.	101 51	Gould, John B.	3 38
Ferdinand, Jasper F.	3 11	Green, Levi, Heirs of	2 15
Fenner, Geo. C.	1 78	Green, Aaron	61 31
Fernald, Ebenezer	9 23	Green, Clarissa	9 36
Fiske, C. H.	1 78	Green, Joseph, Heirs of	17 36
Fiske, Samuel	15 63	Green, John H.	21 28
Finnegan, Dennis	5 02	Green, Joseph H.	98 77
Fitzgibbon, Thomas	1 78	Green, Sarah, Wid.	41 57
Fisher, Geo. W.	1 78	Green, Elbridge	17 65
Fletcher, Geo. M.	43 86	Grover, Geo. W.	21 55
Flemming, James	3 18	Grover, James	1 78
Flemming, Michael	3 69	Guild, C. M.	1 78
Flemming, Edward	1 78	Guild, C. M. Mrs.	1 56
Flint, Mason M.	1 78		
Fox, Geo. H.	2 56	Hallihan, Patrick	1 78
Foster, D. W.	19 72	Hawkins, Thomas	7 63
Fossett, W. G.	1 78	Hawkins, John	1 78
Follensbee, John H.	11 92	Hall, C. W.	1 78
Fountain, Francis	11 14	Harrington, Silas	1 78
Freeman, O. H.	1 78	Hart, A. P.	12 27
Freeman, L. T.	1 78	Hannon, Wm.	5 76
Fuller, Geo. P.	3 34	Harris, Samuel	15 82
Fuller, Wm. E.	23 77	Harris, E. H.	3 90
Fuller, Ephriam	2 56	Hall, James	1 78
Fuller, Geo. E.	2 76	Haskell, A. W.	16 68
Fuller, Abigail	3 12	Hare, Andrew	2 37
Fuller, Sally, Heirs of	23 28	Heath, Geo. W.	48 70
Fuller, L. L.	52 29	Hemmenway, Wm., Heirs of	5 34
Fuller, L. L. & Co.	1 40	Hemmenway, Francis	9 58
Fuller, Zenas	1 78	Hemmenway, Geo.	10 75
Furbush, Milo	18 16	Hemmenway, Wm.	1 78

Heaton, John	3 89	Jones, Charles C.	23 07
Herrick, Henry	20 78	Johnson, Rebecca	16 03
Herrick, George	1 78	Johnson, D. W.	1 78
Hinney, John	2 56	Judkins, John	6 07
Hitchings, John	1 78	Judkins, R. C.	1 78
Higgins, John S.	95 19		
Higgins, John S. Jr.	1 78	Konfield, Frank	1 78
Howard, Samuel, Heirs of	8 11	Kelley, John	1 78
Howard, Samuel	1 78	Kent, E. T.	17 38
Howard, A. B.	1 78	Keith, Charles E.	1 78
Howard, Otis	1 78	Kendall, S. E.	1 78
Howard, N. A.	1 78	Killion, James	1 78
Howard, C. G.	1 78	Kimball, Moses	28 89
Howard, C. S.	1 78	Kimball, Jacob	8 80
Howard, Nathaniel	14 10	Kimball, John	27 48
Howard, Caleb	38 67	Kimball, Thomas J.	1 78
Howard, C., Executor	120 90	Kilby, Alden	13 87
Howard, Emerson & Mrs.		Knights, Edward R.	4 90
Wing	27 30	Knott, James	44 72
Horn, James	1 78	Krantz, F. C.	1 17
How, E. F.	1 78	Krantz, Wm. F.	1 78
How, F. D.	1 78		
Howard, E. W.	1 78	Lamkin, Guy	45 38
Howlett, Michael	1 78	Larrabee, Betsy	1 56
Holmes, P. B.	23 62	Larrabee, Charles	1 78
Holbrook, Geo. E.	35 32	Lane, Addison	10 44
Holbrook, Joseph	16 91	Lamb, John	1 78
Holbrook, Geo.	1 78	Law, John	1 78
Holbrook, Elizabeth	22 23	Leeds, Saml.	1 78
Hole, Francis	1 78	Leeds, Frederick	13 87
Hogan, Michael	1 78	Leonard, Henry A.	1 78
Hurley, John	5 91	Leavitt, Rufus	1 78
Hudson, Jarvis	1 78	Leavitt, M.	1 78
Hutchins, John	1 78	Littlefield, James D.	17 97
Hyde, Stephen	6 54	Littlefield, Walter, Jr.	1 78
Hyatt, Richard	1 78	Littlefield, F. G.	1 78
		Little, Edmund B.	1 78
Ingalls, J. C.	52 64	Lister, John	1 78
Ireson, Henry J.	4 91	Linikin, Benjamin	118 86
Ireson, J. R.	1 78	Lovering, Luke W.	27 91
Isburgh, C. H.	58 17	Locke, Simeon	46 05
Irvine, F. J.	1 78	Lord, Samuel	11 10
		Lord, J. H.	1 78
Jackson, Leonard	12 31	Long, Jeremiah	1 98
Jones, Isaac	1 98	Long, Thomas A.	11 14
Jones, N. P.	1 78	Lynde, A. P.	74 55
Jones, Wm. T.	1 78	Lynde, Wm. O.	1 78
Jones, J. W.	1 78	Lynde, J. O.	1 78
Jones, Benj. S.	7 75	Lynde, J. O. & Wm. O.	6 16

Lynde, Learned	1 78	McKay, Hugh R.	25 37
Lynde, Geo, 2d	35 32	McGiveny, Thomas	1 78
Lynde, John 2d	24 33	Miller, Henry F.	1 78
Lynde, Wm. 2d	41 33	Morse, Wm. H.	10 75
Lynde, Danl., Heirs of	39 47	Morse, Wm.	1 78
Lynde, Danl. A.	1 78	Morse, George H.	1 78
Lynde, A. V.	30 33	Morse, A. J.	52 79
Lynde, George	7 55	Morcomb, Henry P.	1 78
Lynde, Benjamin	1 78	Morcomb, Esther	2 73
Lynde, Eliza	15 60	Morton, Daniel O.	1 78
Lynde, Warren	40 35	Moulton, Ephraim	1 78
Lynde, Joseph	207 12	Morrison, James	9 93
Lynde, Jonathan	60 71	Moore, Wm. C.	1 78
Lynde, Aaron	11 14	Moseley, Abner	13 56
Lynde, John	63 52	Munroe, Wm. H.	1 78
Lynde, Wm. 2d & Danl.		Murphy, Walter	5 29
A. Perkins	78	Murphy, John	1 78
Lynde, Lois, Heirs of	3 90		
Mason, Henry	1 78	Newhall, George	20 74
Maroney, Timothy	6 42	Newhall, Wm.	15 55
Macy, James	8 02	Newhall, John	1 78
Macy, Wm. H.	1 78	Newhall, H. B.	7 86
Marshall, Thomas	5 49	Nevins, E. P.	23 62
Marshall, Samuel	1 78	Nichols, Smith W.	26 65
Martin, Jeremiah	235 66	Norton, Daniel, Jr.	27 52
Martin, Levi	11 73	Norton, R. J.	1 78
Martin, William	1 78	Norton, J. R.	15 82
Martin & Leonard	9 36	Noyes, Geo. N.	28 69
Magoun, Sylvanus	1 78	Noyes, Hosea	1 78
Mayall, George	1 78	Noyes, C. M.	1 78
Magna, William	1 70	Norris, H. A.	21 87
Mansfield, George A.	26 19	Norris, Eliza	1 56
Mahan, Thomas	1 78	O'Brien, Timothy	1 78
May, Wm.	1 78		
Merrill, Joshua, Heirs of	6 24	Paine, N. G.	5 29
Merrill, Elizabeth W.	8 42	Page, Dudley	1 78
Mendum, J. P.	14 42	Parker, Moses	15 04
Messenger, Frank A.	117 57	Paul, Edward	1 78
Messenger, Charles A.	12 86	Palmer, Moses R.	14 81
Merrick, Theodore B.	3 46	Perkins, John, Jr.	1 78
McKinnon, Charles	5 88	Perkins, H. N.	85 83
McCoubry, Thomas	11 02	Pearson, William H.	7 47
McCafferty, M. A.	1 78	Phinney, Stephen J.	40 66
McCarthy, Timothy	1 78	Phinney, E. O.	31 85
McLaughlin, Hiram	15 04	Phippen, G. S.	11 53
McClenithan, Charles	7 63	Phillips, Thomas	8 02
McKenney, Edward	1 78	Pierce, Ansel B.	1 78
McKay, James	1 78	Pierce, Robert W.	1 78
		Pierce, William	7 82

Phillips, William	1 78	Shelton, John	106 58
Poole, William F.	29 35	Shelton, John, as Agent for Mrs. Shelton,	28 86
Prescott, Horace	13 79	Shelton, Stephen W.	1 78
Pratt, Dexter	6 46	Shelton, Thomas	1 78
Pratt, Dexter, Mrs.	13 61	Shelton, Albert F.	1 78
Pratt, Charles	74 16	Shelton, Stephen A.	1 78
Prentice, Charles	1 78	Shelton, Stephen	30 45
Quinn, Michael	1 78	Shelton & Cheever	1 25
Remick, William A.	18 94	Seavey, Leonard	1 78
Readhead, Alanson	1 78	Shepard, H. C.	1 78
Readhead, Lucy A.	13 49	Shepard, Thomas R.	1 78
Rice, Samuel	148 66	Simonds, John	17 97
Rich, Seth	7 86	Simonds, C. H.	22 38
Riley, William O.	7 05	Simonds, J. R.	20 31
Richards, Moses	12 90	Simonds, E. W.	1 78
Richardson, William, 2d	46 94	Simonds, Nabby	8 58
Richardson, Henry C.	6 96	Simpson, Thomas W.	20 50
Richardson, Ithiel	7 08	Singer, John,	6 19
Richardson, W., Heirs of	138 73	Silsbee, Otis	1 78
Richardson, Lewis	5 32	Slocomb, John W	1 78
Richardson, William A.	1 78	Slocomb, Asa	2 01
Roe, Ai	4 75	Smith, Thomas, Heirs of	2 73
Roady, Edward	1 78	Smith, L. G.	14 57
Robinson, Henry E.	1 78	Smith, William A.	11 30
Robinson, Samuel A.	1 78	Smith, John	28 69
Robinson, Henry	3 26	Southwick, E. B.	2 25
Robinson, Luther	21 28	Southwick, J. B.	1 78
Robinson, Nahum R.	40 47	Sprague, Phineas	16 60
Robbins, Charles	1 78	Sprague, Richard P.	1 78
Robbins, Charles G.	1 78	Sprague, Samuel, Jr.	1 78
Roby, Hannah	36 62	Stantial, George C.	11 45
Rogers, Walter M.	1 78	Stantial, Thomas B.	10 79
Robson, John	5 68	Stephenson, Peter	1 78
Russell, Daniel	39 61	Stevens, Charles H.	2 99
Russell, Bartholomew	1 86	Stevens, Gilbert	13 09
Sargent, Samuel S.	2 73	Steel, E. A.	16 33
Sargent, Amasa	1 78	Stetson, W. F.	1 78
Sargent, Robert	1 78	Stilphen, John E.	8 72
Sargent, W. P.	68 98	Stickney, Edward	1 78
Sayse, James	12 74	Stone, Calvin	20 11
Sawyer, Lemuel	1 78	Stone, Cyrus	12 90
Severy, Solomon	1 78	Stone, David	33 37
Severy & Ingalls	2 34	Stone, Daniel	14 46
Sewall, Samuel E.	193 70	Stone, William H.	33 80
Sewall, J. S.	14 92	Stone & Higgins	6 24
Sewall, Stinson	1 78	Summers, Samuel F.	18 94
Sewatt, Wm. F.	1 78	Sumner, Stephen	1 78
		Sullivan, Jeremiah	1 78



Sullivan, Patrick	1 78	Varney, Charles W.	1 78
Sullivan, Thomas	1 78	Varney, Calvin	19 02
Sweetser, Thomas	1 98	Varney, Ellen E.	5 46
Swift, Henry, Jr.	1 78	Varney, Moses E.	1 78
Taylor, Samuel D.	13 09	Valentine, John S.	18 28
Taylor, Marcus C.	9 00	Vinton, Aaron	1 78
Taylor, David L.	36 10	Vinton, George	6 07
Taylor, Fernando C.	23 89	Vinton, Isaac	24 28
Taylor, Franklin	8 11	Vinton, Nathan A.	8 02
Taylor, Daniel C.	1 78	Waitt, Peter A.	14 03
Tainter, Ezra	1 78	Waitt, Pelatiah R.	9 58
Tattoon, Austin	1 78	Waitt, Charles A.	1 78
Terwillager, L. T.	15 66	Walker, D. H.	1 78
Thompson, John	1 78	Wasdell, Richard	1 78
Thompson, David	1 78	Wallace, Richard	3 07
Thompson, Edward T.	1 78	Ware, Joshua	15 82
Thomas, Joseph	11 76	Warren, Ralph	23 38
Toler, Joseph H.	9 58	Watson, Francis	1 78
Towner, Levi C.	2 33	Wells, William H.	11 53
Treas. Meth. E. Society,	8 19	West, John	9 58
Treas. Baptist Society,	62	Westgate, Joseph E.	53 65
Trowbridge, Henry E.	27 76	Westcott, Joseph H.	1 78
Troby, William B	4 90	Wetherbee, Daniel	6 07
Treadwell, Nath'l D.	1 78	Wilde, Joseph D.	1 78
Turley, John	1 78	Wilde, John	7 63
Tucker, Horace G.	9 46	White, Charles F.	1 78
Twombly, Mrs.' Widow	1 25	White, A. L.	81 81
Upham, Albert	2 56	Whitney, Hiram	6 46
Upham, Asa	46 09	Whyte, B. F.	1 78
Upham, Asa, Jr.	8 68	Whyte, Oliver	17 85
Upham, Benj. R.	21 67	Whowell, John	10 36
Upham, Charles H.	11 14	Wilde, Maxamilian	6 07
Upham, Eli	16 99	Williams, Charles	1 78
Upham, Eli & Albert	25 08	Wilcox, W.	24 87
Upham, Ellen A.	9 36	Wilkinson, Isaac	1 78
Upham, Eri	6 22	Wing, Ellen J., Widow	23 01
Upham, Ezekiel	1 78	Woodward, Thomas B.	6 27
Upham, Freeman	18 95	Woodward, David R	31 62
Upham, George	5 60	Woodward, George	1 78
Upham, Jesse	50 53	Woodward, Samuel	4 40
Upham, Joshua	22 65	Woodward, Reuben T.	1 78
Upham, Orne	20 39	Woods, John	1 78
Upham, Osgood W.	1 78	Woods, Henry B.	1 78
Upham, Samuel S.	7 02	Wood, Joseph	7 63
Upham, Sylvanus	3 61	Wood, Richard	1 78
Upham, Timothy	1 78	Wyman, George W.	5 80
Upham, William	1 78	Young, Isaiah A.	1 78

NOTE.—Several of the foregoing taxes are put down as abated, and the names of those whose tax has all been abated are omitted.



**NON-RESIDENT TAXES.**

Of \$5 and upwards.

Allen, George W.	\$55 38	Hutchins, Mr.	\$6 90
Allen, William	15 52	Ireland, George W.	33 93
Anderson, John	6 57	Jameson, T. C.	24 77
Arnold, Kesiah	6 24	James, Miss	5 73
Avery, Ephraim	13 26	Kramer, M., Heirs of	44 46
Barker, Mr.	16 54	Kimball, George, Mrs.	12 17
Barrett, S. H.	5 46	Kittridge, Alvah	40 64
Barnard, Mr.	7 02	Larrabee, William	60 61
Batchelder, Perez	15 21	Larrabee, Lakeman, Pierce	
Bebe, Lucius	65 91	& Ames	21 26
Brown, E. F.	14 59	Larrabee, Lakeman & Pierce	20 67
Brown, Samuel N.	36 22	Langmaid, Samuel	6 24
Bugbee, Margaret, Wid.	14 82	Litchfield, Ward	11 12
Blake, John	7 33	Litch, Samuel W.	21 68
Black, Simon	7 02	Locke, S. B.	7 80
Chandler, J. H., Mrs.	12 56	Lynde, Jacob, Heirs of	18 33
Chase, Nathan D.	12 48	Lowe, Reuben S.	14 90
Cheever, Simon G.	9 24	Martin, Pearl	13 73
Cook, Ephraim	11 90	Mason, M. M.	10 14
Converse, J. W.	66 30	Massey, John	10 92
Converse, Thorndike	31 59	Messenger, George W.	5 46
Converse, Elisha	13 26	Nowell, George	19 50
Clifton, John	5 46	Oaks, Uriah, Widow	6 63
Copeland, Charles	46 41	Parsons, Mrs.	18 72
Cochran, S. M.	5 46	Powers, Charles	21 96
Cushing, Lemuel	12 36	Porter, Charles	21 06
Crane, Luther	11 62	Railroad Co., Boston & Me.	11 31
Dexter, Richard, Heirs of	8 58	Richardson, Israel	20 28
Deluce, Mary, Widow	6 28	Sargent, Samuel S.	8 78
Dunham, J. H.	5 85	Sargent, Isaac	5 85
Dustin, William	7 80	Stevens, Charles S.	60 06
Emerson, Warren	20 05	Talbot, Josiah W.	14 04
Faulkner, David, Widow	17 94	Thompson, John	23 01
Foster, Daniel, 2d	14 43	Thorndike, J. P.	7 80
Fox, G. V.	20 67	Thresher, James M.	30 19
Gale, G. O.	11 70	Webster, D. L. & J. G.	204 91
Geer, George F.	11 12	Webster & Emerson	13 26
Green, Charles W.	23 40	Webster, David L.	33 93
Green, Jonathan	6 32	Webster, J. G. & Co.	32 60
Green, Peter & Jesse, 2d	5 66	West, Thomas	58 89
Green, Peter, Jr.	5 85	Wells, Henry B.	35 92
Greenleaf, L. L.	32 96	Wiggin, Robert P.	25 16
Greenleaf & Brown	17 55	Wiggin, Sarah F.	5 46
Gladstone, Robert G.	5 93	Wise, Daniel P.	7 80
Hobbs, Nathaniel,	24 96	Wheeler, Robert	6 08

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The School Committee for the year 1859-60 submit the following as their annual

### R E P O R T :

No municipal office has connected with it more valuable interests than those pertaining to the duties of the Superintending Committee of the Public Schools.

The selection of teachers adapted to the intellectual and social condition of the pupils committed to their instruction, and at the same time efficient and uniform in discipline, apt to teach, and faithful in the performance of every trust, is a task easily required, but with some difficulty performed. The general views of candidates in regard to the methods of teaching and discipline, are readily ascertained, but their ability to carry out their own views can best be discovered in the actual working of the School Room. Like persons in other departments of life, they may be good theorists, but very unskilful practitioners.

Changes in teachers usually affect our schools unfavorably. There seems to be a disposition on the part of many pupils, to put to an early test the qualities of their standard-bearer. To such an exercise of juvenile skill we do not seriously object, unless it take the form of a determined purpose to override all moral restraint, and to yield no point which is not gained by brute force.

Though not intended by the parent, the disposition to insubordination is too often strengthened by the unhealthy sentiments entertained in respect to corporeal punishment. Such is the waywardness of our human nature, that even our Creator deems it needful to exercise severity in the moral government of this world ; and it seems to us like presumption on our part, to expect success in governing apart from the restraining influence of fear. Fear is a universal element in our constitution. It operates in our instincts, modifies the action of the social faculties, imposes a check upon the passions, and imparts grace and beauty to the moral character. In the young there should be inculcated the fear of giving offence to others—the fear of compromising their reputation—the consciousness of personal rectitude—in a word, the fear of wrong doing of every kind, in view of the sanctions of the higher law. Were this done more generally and persistently, there would be less occasion to appeal to the fear of physical penalties ; but since the former is measurably neglected, the latter has to be called into service in proportion to that neglect. Fear in some form must be an active element in all the government of this world, as it is now conditioned.

These observations being true, it is easy—waiving constitutional differences—to account for that dissimilarity of demeanor in a single school, and to perceive the propriety, and necessity even, of employing motives to obedience somewhat varied in character.

That pupil whose moral faculties have been a special object of culture at home, will be governed at school much easier, than the boy whose moral training has been neglected. Gentle influences and kind words may suffice for the one, and severity be required for the other. We hence see how much the good order of the public school depends on home influences, and also the true sphere of parental co-operation.

Several vacancies have occurred during the year, by reason of the resignation of teachers, some of whom had been elected to positions of larger compensation. No difficulty has been experienced in these changes, except in the High School. Though the successor of the assistant teacher proved herself eminently qualified for the place, she met with no little difficulty in overcoming the opposition existing in the minds of those who had deservedly become attached to her predecessor. In view of the erroneous reports made respecting Miss Proctor's leaving the school, the committee feel it due to themselves to state, that Miss Proctor resigned her situation of her own choice, and notwithstanding the assurance on the part of the committee that her services were desirable, if they could be continued for the consideration voted by the committee; and it was not till her successor had been engaged, that the committee were petitioned to continue Miss P. in service.

A few days before the commencement of the Fall term, we were again surprised by the unexpected resignation of the master of the High School, which again threw into commotion the waters which had but lately become quiet.

Immediately upon the heel of Mr. Stickney's withdrawal, Mr. A. W. Sprague presented himself as a candidate. The brief space of time allowed to select a teacher, the long experience of the candidate, and the high character of his recommendations, induced the committee to elect Mr. Sprague, and thus obviate the necessity of deferring the opening of the school. Subsequent events proved that he was not well adapted to control dispositions prejudiced against change, and disposed to agitation.

We have never had any doubt with respect to the literary qualifications of Mr. S. He is a graduate of one of the best colleges in the country; a gentleman of excellent moral character, and has had ten or more years of experience as a teacher, and will doubtless succeed hereafter in some location to which he may be invited.

Domestic affliction rendered it necessary for the assistant, Miss Perry, to leave in the course of the winter term, and it was deemed best under the circumstances to close the school. Both teachers resigned their place. Most of the scholars made very respectable advancement in their respective studies, under the thorough instruction of both master and assistant. The number of scholars has decreased every successive term during the year; the figures 64, 50, 44 and 34 representing the whole number of pupils in attendance for the consecutive terms of the year.



## HIGHLAND SCHOOL.

Maria P. Noyes, Teacher.

The examination of this school evinced a commendable degree of proficiency in the few who attended during the winter term. The whole attendance for the four successive terms has been 36, 34, 32, 21. It is no infrequent thing for the patrons of a school to be divided in opinion respecting the merits of a teacher. Such has been the fact here. Some have withdrawn their children from the school; others affirm that their children never learned anything before.

The constantly decreasing attendance through the year, and the lessened average of the first three terms, as indicated by the Register, evinced a want of that attractive influence at the school room, which is the result of an ardent enthusiasm, and earnest devotion to the cause engaged in, and necessary to constitute a school of the first rank. Owing in part to an epidemic disease, the average for the Fall term was less than 60 per cent; and for the whole year, a fraction less than 70 per cent—the lowest of all the schools in the town. Forty-one different scholars have attended this school during the year; and only 21 during the winter term, several of which belong within the limits of South Reading. The average for this term has been but 14, and the expense to the town for carrying on the school 13 weeks has been \$100, or an average cost of more than \$7 to each pupil.

Unless a deeper interest can be elicited in the patrons of this school, your committee would suggest the expediency of discontinuing it through the winter season.

## UPHAM STREET SCHOOL.

Christiana Upham, Teacher.

This school appears to maintain its former good reputation. The pupils seem to feel—as they should—that they are well provided for, apparently appreciating the services of their instructor, and interested in the reputation of the school. The moral tone of the school is sound. The labors of a teacher of high moral influence, thorough intellectual attainments, and long successful experience, cannot be too highly appreciated. No trivial faults should allow the friends of the school to withdraw from it their sympathy and persevering support. The whole number of scholars for the four terms has been 51, 60, 58 and 51 respectively. The Register indicates numerous tardinesses and absences, so many that the average attendance is reduced to about 73 per cent.

## GREEN STREET PRIMARY.

Eliza D. Bugbee, Teacher.

The success of this school has been what we should expect from the labors of a teacher deeply interested in her work, and anxious to succeed in her chosen employment. In our primary schools we do not look so much for showy exhibitions, as correct beginnings and thorough proceedings in the elementary departments of instruction.

The number in attendance the four successive terms have been 46, 47, 49 and 49, and the average for the year 89 per cent.

## CENTRE PRIMARY.

C. Lucilia Sweetser, Teacher.

The recent examination of this school was gratifying to its friends. Considering the age of the children, the average attendance has been good, being  $79\frac{6}{10}$  per cent for the year, and  $84\frac{5}{10}$  for the winter term. The whole attendance for the several terms has been 54, 45, 48 and 49. These figures show a healthful and prosperous condition, and justify the expectation of advancing usefulness.

## LYNDE STREET PRIMARY.

Sarah E. Batcheller, Teacher.

This school maintains the good reputation reported a year ago. The whole attendance the first three terms was 63, and the winter term 58; the average for the year  $75\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. We find it recorded of one boy—John Larrabee, 9 years of age—"absent but one day for two years, and not tardy." With a little more interested effort on the part of parents, might there not soon be found a score of John Larrabee's in our primary schools?

On the other hand, we find the word *absent* written against a multitude of names nearly one hundred times, and embracing an equal number of lost weeks. We would like to ask the parents where their children are during these passing weeks. Could not the catalogue of absences be somewhat shortened, were the visits of children to be so arranged as to take place during the vacations?

## VINTON STREET PRIMARY.

Sarah J. W. McKay, Teacher.

The present teacher of this school succeeded Miss Mary J. McLaughlin about the first of February. Having many elements of character necessary to a successful disciplinarian and instructor, we doubt not, having begun well, she will promote sound scholarship and maintain good order.

The whole attendance has been 40 and 37 for the two last terms.

## VINTON STREET INTERMEDIATE.

Louisa A. Norris, Teacher.

Of the merits of this school there can be but one opinion. At the examination, the pupils manifested that enthusiasm and personal consciousness of thorough acquaintance with the subjects taught, that won for them universal admiration. The reading of the school, considering its grade, is of the highest order in point of distinctness and fulness of voice. Both teacher and pupils have evidently labored faithfully, and mutually reflected honor upon each other.

The whole number for the several terms has been 40, 37, 37 and 36, and the average for the entire year 78 per cent.



## LYNDE STREET GRAMMAR.

Phebe A. Norris, Teacher.

The patrons of this school have great reason to congratulate themselves that their children are permitted to enjoy the advantages of so excellent a school. Its high standing is too well known to require a specific enumeration of all its commendable features. The school, in point of discipline, is a model; and the pupils seem to be animated by that *esprit du corps* and emulous disposition to maintain a high standard of scholarship, that the whole school may not unfitly be compared to a bee-hive, where a drone cannot be permitted to live.

The whole number of scholars for the several terms have been 40, 40, 43 and 44, and the average for the whole year about 37, or 88 per cent.

## GREEN STREET GRAMMAR.

Adela R. Poor, Teacher.

Very fine specimens of scholarship are to be found in this school; and its discipline is good. Many teachers make more show and ostentatious display than Miss P., but few excel her in sound practical instruction. The first class exhibited a very thorough knowledge of arithmetic, considering their age; and their ready analysis of compound grammatical sentences, was a proof of the thoroughness of their instruction. Some of the pupils of this school reside in the distant westerly sections of the town, which renders their attendance in severe and stormy weather difficult and uncertain.

The whole number has been 36, 32, 33 and 39, and the average for the year about 28, or 81 per cent nearly.

## FINANCES.

Town appropriation,	\$4000 00
Received from the State School Fund,	93 40
Due from the town of Stoneham,	23 72
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	\$4117 12

The expenses have been,	
For Teachers' Salaries,	\$3081 96
“ cost of Coal,	162 26
“ “ of Wood,	34 42
“ housing Coal and cutting and splitting Wood,	21 55
“ care of 11 School Rooms,	275 00
“ Superintendence of Schools,	118 00
“ Contingent Expenses,	95 63
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	\$3788 82

Leaving a balance unexpended of \$328 30

Had the High School continued through the full year, the expense would have been about \$115 more.

The contingent expenses of the schools have not reached a high figure, and would have been less, but for the necessity of repairing the front

fence of the High School, wantonly broken down by inconsiderate children. Two wells have been dug, and two good white oak pumps set in them ; one for the Green Street, and the other for the Lynde Street school. The latter was rendered expensive from having to sink the well several feet into a ledge. The whole cost of both wells and pumps amounts to \$169.66, which has been paid out of the contingent fund of the town, as the report of the Financial Committee will show.

In the Report of last year, the attention of the town was invited to the expediency of re-painting the outside of the school-houses. Both economy and good taste require that provision be made to carry into effect the recommendation.

Some of the schools are unprovided with Outline Maps, which should be purchased the coming year.

One or two of the stoves are worn out, and it will be necessary to furnish new ones, or, what might be better, furnaces, to take their places. A small sum expended on the grounds of the Green, Lynde and Vinton Street Schools, would greatly improve their appearance and convenience.

In closing their Report, allow your Committee earnestly to solicit the co-operation of all good citizens in endeavoring to advance the educational interests of the town. We all love to have our acts acknowledged by an approving community. Frequent visitation of the schools by parents and friends encourages the pupils and stimulates the teacher. Such an employment of time pays well.

We should endeavor to maintain the good character of our schools by cherishing the reputation of our teachers. Their situation is often one of difficulty and embarrassment. Children of varied dispositions, tastes and habits, and subject to very opposite modes of parental government, are gathered into one school room, and placed under one teacher. It is obviously impracticable, under such circumstances, for a single mind to govern each pupil in exact accordance with the method adopted by the parent. One parent disapproves of corporeal punishment at home, and complains if it is resorted to at school ; another makes the birch his right hand companion, and finds fault when the reins of government are held less tight at school. With one the discipline is too strict, with the other too lax ; and all the school must be subject to the same treatment, or the teacher is pronounced partial. It is plainly impossible to please all, unless there be a willingness to waive some of our individual preconceptions and personal preferences, when it becomes needful for the general good.

“To err is human ;” and we should be prepared to throw the mantle of charity over the apparent weaknesses and imperfections of those even in public service, inasmuch as they share with ourselves the infirmities and disabilities of a fallen humanity.

The reputation of those engaged in the more public employment of society is dear to them. It constitutes the accumulated capital of toilsome years, and it is all invested in securing their livelihood. Such a personal possession is entitled to all the respect pertaining to a sacred treasure. It costs more to erect an edifice than it does to pull it down.

The acts of others are too often judged by the one-sided reports of interested parties. We throw around our property the strong arm of civil law, and do not allow ourselves to be despoiled of it. Applying the principle, let us exercise a forbearing charity toward those who with their own good name associate the good reputation of our schools.

Your Committee would recommend the following sums to be appropriated for School purposes the coming year :

For ordinary expences,	\$4000
“ Painting School Houses,	325
“ Improvements of School Grounds,	75
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	\$4400

Respectfully submitted,

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